THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) INS Vikrant has been decommissioned from the Indian Navy on 31 st January, 1997 and is no longer available to the Navy for deployment.

(b) Decommissioning of ships by the Indian Navy is done in a planned and phased manner. Currently the aircraft carrier Viraat is operational.

(c) Induction of new naval ships, including aircraft carrier is planned. The Navy has finalised the purchase of a new aircraft carrier in January, 2004.

Ban on entry into DSOI, Delhi

804. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people wearing dhotis and kurta-pyjama are banned from entering Defence Services Officers' Institute, New Delhi (Dhaula Kuan); and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to remove such a ban immediatel?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Defence Sevices, Officers' Institute has been established from the Defence Services Officers' Welfare Fund and has members exclusively from the Armed Forces. Like any service institute it has its own rules and by-laws and a strict dress code for its members, guests and visiting dignitaries. Only full or half sleeve shirt or T-shirt with collar, trousers and shoes are allowed. In formal functions lounge suit or national dress is prescribed. This is strictly followed.

Causes of Jaguar crashes

†805. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircrafts out of the fleet of Jaguar destroyed due to the accidents and the number of pilots killed therein;

(b) whether increasing age or the absence of timely technical assistance and advice by the French company to the Air Force regarding maintenance of these aircrafts have been the main reasons for such accidents;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether the retirement of Jaguar aircrafts from the Air Force is being considered, if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any other sophisticated aircrafts are being purchased as a substitute of Jaguar aircrafts; and

(e) if so, the name of the aircraft and the country where from such aircrafts are being purchased?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) A total number of 38 Jaguar aircrafts were destroyed since induction. In these accidents 12 pilots were killed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. Jaguars were inducted into Indian Air Force after stringent flight evaluations. The aircraft has a proven track record and is in front line service with many Air Forces of the world. Apart from minor snags, which are common to any military aircraft, there have been no persistent major problems with any of the main system of this aircraft which may warrant phasing out of the aircraft.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Arrest of call girls by Delhi Police

806. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police had recently arrested a large number of call girls from various places in the capital;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof during the last three months; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that one of the hotel owner who had been running the racket had amassed wealth to the extent of hundred of crores and if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken against him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY): (a) and (b) During the period from 1st April, 2004 to 10th July, 2004, Delhi police arrested 125 women from various parts of Delhi under "The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956";,

(c) In connection with a case registered against the owner of a hotel in